



Dear Parent or Guardian,

You are your child's first teacher and our most important partner in your child's education. We understand, though, that for you to be an effective partner, you need information. This school profile is designed to give you what you need to make the best decisions for your child.

In this profile, you will find important facts about school performance, facilities, and academic and extracurricular programs. You also will find practical details that will help you better communicate and be involved in the school — including the principal's name, the front office phone number and what public transportation gets you to the school.

This information is compiled first and foremost to help you support and advocate for your child. But it is also my hope that you will use it to hold principals, school staff and my office accountable at getting better at what we do every day.

Our goal is for every child in DCPS to succeed. We look forward to working with you to make this goal a reality for your child.

Sincerely,



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Web Site: www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/ross

School Hours: 8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Ross students, faculty and staff come from many different countries, religions and diverse families, sharing the common value that we want the best for our school, our community and the

world. At Ross, we have a culture of high academic expectations, which is balanced by a warm and nurturing environment informed by the Responsive Classroom philosophy. Collaborative instructional planning, ongoing professional development and data-driven decision making ensure that our students consistently experience high quality instruction that matches their strengths and needs.

PROGRAMS (2010–11)



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- Four-Year-Old Program
- Afterschool program
- Architects of Georgetown



WELLNESS AND FITNESS

- Physical Education
- Tennis
- Golf
- Running



ARTS AND CULTURE

- World Languages: FLES (Spanish)

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding **math** standards on the DC CAS



Percentage of students meeting or exceeding **reading** standards on the DC CAS



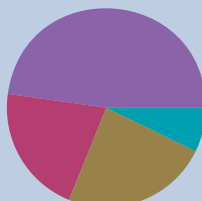
School improvement status

This school does not have an improvement status under No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2009–10)

Enrollment: **145**

- Asian/Pacific: —
- Black: 48%
- Hispanic: 21%
- American Indian: —
- White: 24%
- Other: 7%



- English language learners: 19%
- Free and reduced-price lunch: 42%
- Special education: —
- In-boundary: 21%

Ross Elementary School

Facilities:

Art room	<input type="radio"/>
Auditorium	<input type="radio"/>
Computer lab	<input type="radio"/>
Gym	<input type="radio"/>
Media center	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Music room	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor recreation space	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Science lab	<input type="radio"/>

Other:

Parent organization	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
School uniform	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Title I	<input checked="" type="radio"/>



Destination School(s):

Shaw @ Garnet-Patterson Middle School

Community Partnerships:

FLOC
Department of the Interior
Dupont Circle Citizens Association
Everybody Wins
Carnegie Institution
German Marshall Fund
White House Educational Service
JCCDC
Carlyle Suites

GETTING TO SCHOOL

 L2 (McPherson Sq - Chevy Chase Circle) S1, S2 (16th & Colorada Ave - Potomac Park/Federal Triangle) S4 (Silver Spring - Federal Triangle) G2 (Georgetown University - Howard University) 42, 43 (Mt Pleasant - Metro Center/Farragut Sq) D2 (Glover Park/Dupont Circle) N2, N4, N6 (Friendship Heights - Farragut Sq)	37 (Archives - Friendship Heights) 90, 92, 93 (Ellington Bridge - Anacostia/Congress Heights Station) 96 (Stadium Armory - McLean Gardens) X3 (Minnesota Ave - McLean Gardens) D3 (Ivy City) D6 (Sadium Armory)
 Red Line: Dupont Circle Station	

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Parents and community members play an important role in ensuring that every child, in every classroom across the district, receives the high-quality education he or she deserves.

Volunteer at school. Volunteers are key to helping students succeed. Many schools need volunteers who can work directly with students on reading and math, but volunteers also can provide support in classrooms, the office and the library, as well as help plan and staff events, write grants, and much more. For more information, check with the principal or visit www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/volunteer.

Join the school's parent organization. Parent organizations are an important part of every school community. They provide ways to support students through community events, fundraising and other activities. Joining a parent organization helps parents meet other parents who are engaged in their child's education. For more information, contact the school.

Attend parent-teacher conferences. Stay in touch with your child's teachers and ask that they be in touch with you. Ask your child's teachers about

what kind of classroom behavior they expect and how they reward positive behavior. Ask what your child should be learning, how well he or she is doing, and what you can do to help. Parent-teacher conferences will be held at school on Oct. 18, 2010; Feb. 28, 2011; and May 16, 2011.

Work with or run for the school advisory board. This group advises the principal on the comprehensive school plan — including specific programs and activities that strengthen student performance, create safe and effective schools, and involve parents and families. For more information, check with the principal.

Talk to your child about school. Your opinion matters to your child. Ask your child about one thing he or she learned at school, and keep asking every day! For more information, visit www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/studentsuccess.

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ON OTHER SCHOOLS?

If you are interested in seeing the information contained here for every DCPS school, please visit www.dcps.dc.gov/profiles. You will be able to search for DCPS schools based on the information that you care about, and you will also be able to compare schools side by side.

HOW CAN I STAY UP TO DATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Be sure to let your school know if your contact information changes. Visit www.dcps.dc.gov regularly, and sign up to receive regular e-mail updates from DCPS at www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/enews.